

Significant Changes in the Law and Army Policies that Affect Soldiers:

Lautenberg Amendment:

Effective Date: 30 Sep 96

References: Lautenberg Amendment; passed 30 Sep 96
Memorandum, AFZA-JA-A, 09 Feb 98, Subject: Implementation of the
Lautenberg Amendment

Summary: It became a crime for anyone convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence to ship, transport, or possess any firearm or ammunition. It also became a crime to issue individual firearms or ammunition to soldiers convicted of a crime of domestic violence. Does not apply to a Summary Court Martial or an Article 15. Questions should be directed to the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) office at 791-7812.

Anti-Child Prostitution Law:

Effective Date: 1994

References: The Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Act of 1994
Article 134 UCMJ
AR 608-18, The Family Advocacy Program

Summary: It is illegal for a U.S. citizen to go abroad and engage in sex with a minor. Information on the health, legal, diplomatic, and moral dangers of child prostitution will be incorporated into inprocessing and overseas levy briefings. Questions should be directed to Army Community Service at 791-3579.

Passport Denial for Non-payment of Child Support:

Effective Date: 1998

References: Title 42 of the U.S. Code, Section 652 (k)
Title 42 of the U.S. Code, Section 654 (31)

Summary: If the Secretary of Health and Human Services receives certification by a state agency that an individual owes arrearages of child support in an amount exceeding \$5000, the Secretary of State can refuse to issue a passport to such individual and may revoke, restrict or limit a passport issued previously to such individual. Questions should be directed to the SJA office at 791-7812.

Drill Sergeant Background Screening:

Effective Date: 01 Apr 98

References: AR 614-200, Enlisted Assignments and Utilization Management

Summary: Candidates for Drill Sergeant must have a thorough background screening conducted by PRSCOM as a prerequisite for selection for Drill Sergeant School.

Type I Reports - Soldiers with reports of unfavorable information disqualifiers will be excluded from drill sergeant permanently. Such reports would include sexual harassment, assault of a subordinate, spouse, child, rape, indecent act with minor, incest, sexual activity with subordinate soldiers, fraternization, participation in extremist organizations or activities, any court-martial conviction, not reversed. Any repeat offenders of Type II.

Type II Reports - Soldiers with reports of unfavorable information disqualifiers will be excluded for consideration for drill sergeant duty for five years from the date of the incident. Such reports would include DUI, assault other than subordinate, spouse or child, any drug offense, larceny, theft, traffic violation with 6 points or more assessed.

Questions should be directed to PERSCOM (TAPC-EPC-S), DSN: 221-6099.

Case Review Committee Criteria:

Effective date: 08 Sep 98

References: Memorandum, HQ MEDCOM, MCHO-CLH, 18 JUN 96, Subject: Spouse Abuse .
Manual.

Memorandum, HQ MEDCOM, MCHO-CL-H, 16 Dec 97, Subject: Child Abuse
Manual.

Memorandum, HQ MEDCOM, MCHO-CL-H, 04 Mar 98, Subject: Spouse Abuse
Manual.

Summary: Spouse Abuse Manual (SPAM) and Child Abuse Manual (CHAM) matrixes have been developed. Family Advocacy Program Case Review Committee members will use the matrixes when assessing reports of abuse/neglect. Determinations may range from a Level 1 with no risk to a Level 5 with high risk or fatality. Matrixes discuss CRC and commander options. Questions should be directed to the installation FAPM at 791-3579 or Chief of Social Work Services at 787-3656.